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COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

1973 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 73-26Bill No. 73-45 (as amended)Introduced by Mr. O'Neill at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to add new Section 179A to the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County, Maryland, heading "Harford County Building Code Ordinance", providing for certain amendments to the Building Officials Conference of America, Inc., Basic Building Code, Fifth Edition, supplements thereto (otherwise known as the BOCA Basic Building Code), to conform with the laws of Harford County, and the structure of the government thereof.

By the Council September 4, 1973

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on

October 18 1973, at 7:30 P.M. in the

Council Hearing Room, Bel Air, Maryland.

By order, Morgan B. Johnston, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County,
2 Maryland, that new Section 179A be, and it is hereby, added to
3 the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County, Maryland, head-
4 ing "Harford County Building Code Ordinance", to read as follows:

5 The County Council of Harford County, Maryland, hereby
6 adopts for the purpose of controlling all matters concerning the
7 construction, alteration, addition, repair, removal, demolition,
8 use, location, occupancy and maintenance of all buildings and
9 structures and their service equipment, that certain building
10 code known as "BOCA Basic Building Code", Fifth Edition, 1970,
11 and the 1972 Supplement thereto adopted by the Building Officials
12 Conference of America, Inc., of which not less than one (1)
13 copy has been and is filed in the office of the Director of
14 Administration and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated
15 as fully as if set out at length herein with the below listed
16 changes, amendments, revisions, deletions, substitutions and
17 additions, and from the date on which this law shall take effect,
18 the provisions thereof shall be controlling for the purposes
19 mentioned above.

20 (a) General Revisions

21 (1) Substitute "Harford County, Maryland" for (name
22 of municipality) or "municipality" whenever they appear in the
23 Building Code.

24 (2) Insert the date upon which this bill becomes law
25 for the phrase (date of adoption of this code) whenever it appears
26 in the Building Code.

27 (3) Substitute "County Executive of Harford County,
28 Maryland" for the phrases "appointing authority", "Chief Appointing
29 Authority", or "Chief Authority" wherever they appear in the

1 (b) Specific Changes

2 (1) Article 1, Section 107.0, Department of Building
3 Inspection, is revised as follows:

4 (i) Subsection 107.2, Appointment, delete entire
5 subsection.

6 (ii) Subsection 107.5, Qualifications of Building
7 Official, delete entire subsection.

8 (2) Article 1, Section 114.0, subsection 114.1, Permits;
9 add the following:

10 114.11 The Building Official may withhold the
11 issuance of any permit if the applicant has failed to remedy
12 or correct any existing alleged violation of the building code
13 on any previous construction projects in Harford County.

14 ~~114.12 Certificate of Occupancy. No certificate~~
15 ~~of occupancy for any building or structure erected, altered,~~
16 ~~repaired or changed to a different use after the adoption of~~
17 ~~this Ordinance shall be issued unless such building or structure~~
18 ~~was erected, altered or repaired and is otherwise in compliance~~
19 ~~with the provisions of this Ordinance. No person or persons shall~~
20 ~~occupy any building or structure for which a valid certificate of~~
21 ~~occupancy has not been issued.~~

22 (3) Article 1, Section 114.0, Permits, subsection 114.5,
23 Approved Plans, is hereby amended to read as follows: The Director
24 of Public Works shall stamp or endorse in writing both sets of
25 corrected plans "Approved", and one set of the plans shall be
26 kept at the building site, or be kept readily accessible, open
27 to inspection by the Director of Public Works or his authorized
28 representative at all reasonable times.

29 (4) Article 1, Section 115, Subsection 115.1, is

1 (5) Article 1, Section 118.0, Fees, delete entire
2 Section and supplement applicable fees as indicated in Harford
3 County Fees Ordinance No. 22.

4 (6) Article 1, Section 119.0, Volume Computation, is
5 hereby deleted from Building Code.

6 ~~(7) Article 1, subsection 122.3, Violation Penalties,~~
7 ~~subsection 123.2, Unlawful Continuance, the penalty referred to in~~
8 ~~these subsections is hereby established at One Hundred Dollars~~
9 ~~(\$100.00).~~

10 (7) ARTICLE 1, SUBSECTION 122.3, VIOLATION PENALTIES.
11 THE AMOUNT OF PENALTY REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION IS ALTERED TO
12 READ AS FOLLOWS: ". . . BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND
13 DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OR BY IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING SIX (6) MONTHS."

14 (7a) ARTICLE 1, SUBSECTION 123.2, UNLAWFUL CONTINUANCE.
15 THE AMOUNT OF PENALTY REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION IS ESTABLISHED
16 AS FOLLOWS: ". . . A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
17 (\$100.00) OR MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)."

18 (8) Article 2, Definitions and Classification, Section
19 200.0 Scope, add to the end of this subsection the following
20 sentence: Where the provisions of this Building Code are in
21 conflict with the Harford County Zoning Ordinance and/or
22 Plumbing Ordinance, the said Zoning Ordinance and/or Plumbing
23 Ordinance shall be controlling.

24 (9) Article 4, Section 425.0, Mobile Dwelling Units,
25 subsection 425.31, Enclosures of Parks, is hereby amended to
26 read as follows: Transient and mobile home parks shall be
27 enclosed with an approved fence or planted hedge, not less than
28 five (5) feet in height, or other suitable and/or acceptable
29 screening with no openings to adjoining property other than

1 requirements for one and two family dwelling (Use Group L-3) are
2 hereby revised to read as follows:

3	USE GROUP	MINIMUM TREAD
4	One and two family dwellings	
5	Use Group L-3 All stairs with	Standard 10" tread, including
6	closed risers	nosing (not to exceed 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ")
7	Basement service stairs with	Standard 10" treading,
8	open risers	including nosing.

9 (11) Article 6, Section 618.0, Interior Stairways, add
10 to subsection 618.5, Stairway Guards and handrails: As applied
11 to one and two family dwellings described in Article 2, Section
12 210, subsection 210.3, Use Group L-3 Structures, handrails may
13 be installed on one side of stairways, instead of both sides.

14 (12) Article 6, Section 618.0, Interior Exitway Stair-
15 ways; subsection 618.51, handrail details, as applied to one and
16 two family dwellings described in Article 2, Section 210.3, Use
17 Group L-3 Structures, shall be modified to: Handrails shall be
18 provided on at least one side of all stairways of three or more
19 risers.

20 (13) Article 7, Section 725.0, Bearing Value of Soils:
21 Builders of one and two family dwellings as described in Article
22 2, Section 210 subsection 210.3, Use Group L-3 Structures, are
23 exempt from the provisions of the preamble.

24 (14) Article 8, Section 807.0, Brick Units, is hereby
25 revised in its entirety to read as follows: The selection and
26 use of brick shall be in accordance with the following specifica-
27 tions:

28 Face Brick ASTM Specifications C 216;
29 Common Brick ASTM Specifications C 62;

1 FOLLOWS: . . . A CERTIFICATE OF USE AND OCCUPANCY WITHIN TEN
2 (10) DAYS AFTER WRITTEN APPLICATIONS.".

3 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act shall take
4 effect sixty (60) days from the date it becomes law, HOWEVER,
5 THIS ACT SHALL NOT APPLY TO BUILDINGS FOR WHICH A BUILDING
6 PERMIT WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS LAW.".

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10 EFFECTIVE DATE: January 28, 1974
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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 73-33 - NOVEMBER 6, 1973 (With Amendments)~~XXXXXX XXXX XXXX~~

By order

Wm. B. Johnston, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for his
approval this 8TH day of NOVEMBER, 1973 at
11:30 o'clock A.M.



Wm. B. Johnston, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Charles B. Anderson, Jr.
Charles B. Anderson, Jr., County Executive
Date 11-28-73

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the